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## **HUNTER BLIND PREPARATION DAY** AT MCNARY AND UMATILLA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGES

Hunters interested in the waterfowl hunting program at McNary National Wildlife Refuge or Umatilla National Wildlife Refuge are encouraged to participate in the Hunter Blind Preparation Day on Saturday, September 11 at 9:00 a.m.

"Your help is needed to prepare the refuge hunting blinds for the upcoming waterfowl hunting season" states Refuge Manager, Lamont Glass. Work will include blind camouflage repair, repositioning blinds, clearing weeds and unwanted vegetation growth around the blinds, and litter clean-up. Please bring gloves, boots, waders, and tools to work on the blinds. The Refuge will have some tools but weed eaters, hammers, hand saws, clippers, and pruners are needed.

The McNary waterfowl hunters will meet at the Refuge's headquarters. The McNary National Wildlife Refuge headquarters is located at 64 Maple Street in Burbank, WA. From the Tri-Cities, go east on I-182 and US Highway 12 to Burbank. At the Humorist Road stoplight, turn left. Turn left on Lake Road and travel ½ mile to the headquarters building. For more information and to RSVP, call 509-546-8300.

The Umatilla waterfowl hunters will meet at the Refuge's hunter check station. The station is located on Patterson Ferry Road near Irrigon, Oregon. Directions: Take Hwy 730 through Irrigon. Turn right on Patterson Ferry Road and travel two miles. The hunter check station is located on the west side of the road. For more information and to RSVP, call 541-922-4661.

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